

Senate File 2109 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3008)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning penalties for failure to obey an official
2 traffic control device or signal when the violation results
3 in death or serious injury.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.482A, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 Notwithstanding section 321.482, a person who is convicted
4 of operating a motor vehicle in violation of section
5 321.256, 321.257, section 321.275, subsection 4, section
6 321.297, 321.298, 321.299, 321.302, 321.303, 321.304, 321.305,
7 321.306, 321.307, 321.308, section 321.309, subsection 2, or
8 section 321.311, 321.319, 321.320, 321.321, 321.322, 321.323,
9 321.323A, 321.324, 321.324A, 321.327, 321.329, or 321.333
10 causing serious injury to or the death of another person may be
11 subject to the following penalties in addition to the penalty
12 provided for a scheduled violation in section 805.8A or any
13 other penalty provided by law:

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill adds failure to obey an official traffic control
16 device and failure to obey an official traffic-control signal
17 to the list of simple misdemeanor offenses that may be subject
18 to additional fines and licensing sanctions if the violation
19 causes injury or death. Currently, a motor vehicle operator
20 convicted of failing to obey an official traffic control device
21 or signal is subject to a scheduled fine of \$35. Under the
22 bill, if the violation causes serious injury to another person,
23 the court may impose an additional fine of \$500 or driver's
24 license suspension for up to 90 days, or both. For a violation
25 which causes the death of a person, the court may impose an
26 additional fine of \$1,000 or driver's license suspension for
27 up to 180 days, or both.